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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST HUMAN RIGHTS STORY AND INTERVIEW
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1. TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST STORY STATING THAT THE SECRETARY HAS OMITTED CHILE FROM HIS ITINERARY BECAUSE THE JUNTA HAS NOT LIBERALIZED ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, AND INDICATING THAT THE CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE SEEKING TO USE THE US TO GET THE POLICY MODIFIED, WILL HAVE AN UNFORTUNATE EFFECT HERE. AS I TOLD HEW RYAN ON THE TELEPHONE, RAUL SAEZ HAD EARLIER TODAY TOLD ME THAT HE WAS ATTENDING HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN VINA DEL MAR TOMORROW APRIL 22 TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY ECONOMIC PROGRAM DRAFTED BY NEW SUPER MINISTER JORGE CAUAS. SAEZ TOLD ME THAT AT THAT TIME HE INTENDED TO PRESS AGAIN FOR MODIFICATIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ALONG LINES WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING. I VERY MUCH FEAR THAT IN EMOTIONAL REACTION TO POST STORY, THERE WILL BE TENDENCY TO OPPOSE ANY RELAXATION FOR TIME BEING.

2. LEAKING OF PDC'S POLICY DECLARATION (SANTIAGO 2768) CITED IN POST STORY, WITH ITS SENSATIONAL FIRST SENTENCE, IS SURE TO SHARPEN ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY. IN CIRCUMSTANCES I THINK I HAD BETTER NOT CALL ON
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